

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, as follows:

The firewall may be adapted to be transparent to Ping (Internet control message protocol ICMP)-packets; IP-traffic passing through the firewall from the inside thereof to the outside thereof; and, for a limited period of time, IP-traffic, similar to that which is sent from the inside of the firewall to the outside of the firewall, passing through the firewall from the outside thereof to the inside thereof.